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Dear Mr. McKinney and Mr. Fiksdal:

SUBJECT: Comments on BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement DOE/EIS-0349

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) would like to thank you both for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Facility. You will find our comments listed below.

The Applicant is exploring three different options for the facility Transmission System. Two of the options require changes to the current Custer/Intalco Transmission Line No. 2. The Custer/Intalco Transmission Line crosses streams in multiple places. Work conducted in or above waters of the state requires a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) from WDFW. We would like to recommend that the Applicant work with the Area Habitat Biologist in that area to discuss the details of the HPA. The Area Habitat Biologist for that area is Julie Klacan and she can be reached at the WDFW Region 4 La Conner office at 360/466-4345 Ext. 272.

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The Custer/Intalco Transmission Line No. 2 also runs within 330 feet (101 m) of a bald eagle nesting site in Sections 3 and 4 of Township 39 north and Range 1 east. Bald eagles are sensitive to disturbance within 394 feet (120 m) of their nest from the third week in March to mid June while they are nesting and feeding their young. Construction and maintenance of the transmission towers in the area of the nest should be restricted so as not to disturb the bald eagles.

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On page 3.1-19 under *Erosion Control Procedures*, there is mention of using seed mixes known to effectively stabilize erodible soils in northwestern Washington. We would like to recommend a seed mix for controlling erosion and revegetating the disturbed areas:

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Calamagrostis canadensis (bluejoint reedgrass) 15%
Festuca pratensis (meadow fescue) 25%
Lolium multiflorum (annual ryegrass) 25%
Poa palustris (fowl bluegrass) 25%
Trifolium repens (white clover) 10%

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. We hope that you find them helpful. If you have any questions, my phone number is 360/902-2615 and my email is kloemkak@dfw.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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